

Table 9.15.—Percent of public schools reporting that particular school-level factors limited in some way their efforts to reduce or prevent crime, by school characteristics: 1999-2000^{1,2}

School characteristic	Lack of or inadequate teacher training in classroom management	Inadequate alternative programs for disruptive students	Likelihood of complaints from parents	Lack of teacher support for school policies	Lack of parental support for school policies	Teachers' fear of student reprisal	Fear of litigation	Inconsistent application of school policies
<i>All public schools..</i>								
<i>Level</i>								
Elementary.....	58 (46.8)	94 (75.8)	41 (33.1)	19 (15.3)	56 (44.8)	14 (11.3)	39 (31.2)	38 (30.4)
Middle	43 (44.8)	73 (76.0)	34 (35.8)	17 (17.7)	46 (47.9)	15 (15.8)	26 (27.1)	27 (28.1)
High	42 (60.0)	42 (60.0)	26 (37.7)	20 (28.6)	43 (61.4)	26 (37.1)	31 (44.3)	19 (27.1)
<i>Enrollment size</i>								
Less than 300	40 (52.6)	50 (64.9)	27 (35.5)	16 (20.8)	40 (51.9)	14 (18.4)	29 (37.7)	18 (23.4)
300 to 499.....	27 (43.5)	42 (68.9)	21 (33.9)	8 (12.9)	23 (37.1)	12 (19.7)	20 (32.3)	19 (30.6)
500 to 999.....	63 (52.5)	97 (80.8)	45 (38.1)	26 (21.8)	63 (52.5)	25 (20.8)	41 (34.2)	42 (35.0)
1,000 or more	11 (34.4)	20 (62.5)	7 (21.9)	4 (12.5)	18 (56.3)	4 (12.5)	6 (18.8)	5 (15.6)
<i>Crime level in school area</i>								
High	7 (41.2)	14 (82.4)	7 (43.8)	5 (31.3)	11 (64.7)	5 (29.4)	4 (23.5)	6 (35.3)
Moderate	39 (65.0)	45 (75.0)	22 (36.1)	15 (24.6)	30 (49.2)	10 (16.7)	21 (34.4)	22 (36.1)
Low.....	67 (41.6)	113 (70.2)	53 (33.3)	27 (16.8)	75 (46.6)	27 (16.9)	49 (30.4)	40 (24.8)
Mixed	21 (51.2)	28 (68.3)	13 (31.7)	5 (12.2)	18 (43.9)	8 (19.5)	15 (36.6)	11 (26.8)
Don't know	7 (70.0)	8 (80.0)	5 (50.0)	3 (30.0)	9 (90.0)	4 (40.0)	6 (60.0)	4 (40.0)
<i>Percent minorities</i>								
0 to 5%	9 (40.9)	13 (59.1)	8 (36.4)	2 (9.1)	9 (40.9)	2 (9.1)	9 (40.9)	3 (13.6)
6 to 20%	32 (42.1)	51 (67.1)	28 (37.3)	11 (14.5)	33 (43.4)	14 (18.7)	27 (35.5)	16 (21.1)
21 to 50%	40 (44.0)	66 (72.5)	27 (29.7)	19 (20.9)	48 (52.7)	16 (17.6)	23 (25.3)	26 (28.6)
More than 50%	62 (89.6)	81 (77.9)	39 (37.9)	24 (23.1)	56 (53.3)	23 (22.1)	38 (36.2)	40 (38.1)
<i>Free/reduced lunch</i>								
0 to 20%	25 (37.9)	44 (66.7)	20 (30.8)	12 (18.2)	26 (39.4)	14 (21.2)	22 (33.3)	18 (27.3)
21 to 50%	38 (47.5)	56 (69.1)	29 (35.8)	16 (19.8)	43 (53.1)	18 (22.5)	26 (32.1)	22 (27.2)
More than 50%	75 (56.4)	105 (79.5)	51 (38.9)	26 (19.7)	71 (53.4)	121 (15.9)	44 (33.1)	41 (30.8)
<i>Level of safety in school</i>								
Very safe	44 (32.8)	87 (64.9)	38 (28.8)	15 (11.3)	52 (38.8)	16 (12.0)	34 (25.4)	26 (19.4)
Safe.....	94 (61.8)	118 (77.6)	61 (40.1)	39 (25.5)	89 (58.2)	37 (24.3)	61 (39.9)	54 (35.3)
Unsafe	3 (100)	2 (66.7)	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	3 (100)	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	3 (100)
Very unsafe.....	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)	0	1 (100)
<i>Student/teacher ratio</i>								
Less than 12	7 (50.0)	9 (64.3)	4 (28.6)	2 (14.3)	5 (35.7)	3 (21.4)	5 (35.7)	5 (35.7)
12 to 16.....	17 (56.7)	18 (60.0)	12 (40.0)	8 (26.7)	16 (53.3)	10 (34.5)	12 (40.0)	14 (46.7)
More than 16.....	115 (47.7)	178 (73.9)	83 (34.7)	44 (18.3)	120 (49.6)	42 (17.4)	77 (31.8)	63 (26.0)
<i>Classroom changes</i>								
0 to 3 changes.....	13 (45.3)	66 (70.2)	28 (30.1)	10 (10.5)	40 (42.1)	8 (8.5)	21 (22.1)	22 (23.2)
4 to 6 changes.....	64 (47.8)	99 (73.3)	52 (38.5)	26 (19.4)	73 (54.1)	30 (22.2)	52 (38.5)	38 (28.1)
More than 6.....	34 (57.6)	42 (71.2)	21 (35.6)	19 (32.2)	30 (50.8)	17 (28.8)	22 (37.3)	22 (37.3)

¹Some schools are omitted from these categories because schools self-reported data on school characteristics. For this reason, the detailed results do not sum to the totals.

²Numbers in parenthesis are percentage values.